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Senate Report Cites Red China's Strides

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A Senate subcommittee staff yesterday depicted Red China as a "lock-step society" in which the close-knit Communist Party is the "drill sergeant."

In a report to the Subcommittee on National Policy Machinery, the staff described the top Red Chinese leadership as "knowledgeable and confident to the point of cockiness."

Subcommittee Chairman Henry M. Jackson (D-Wash.), said he released the report in an effort "to lead to greater understanding of the nature of the challenge facing our nation in the cold war."

The Subcommittee staff prepared the report in cooperation with executive agencies.

The report detailed the system by which the Party, headed by Mao Tse-tung, decides on policy and the government obediently carries it out. It said the National People's Congress and the Party Congress go through the motions of policy-making, but actual decisions are made by a handful of Communist kingpins.

"The study throws new and needed light on a dangerously

unknown subject — how, Mao Tse-tung and his lieutenants have organized to transform China from a prostrate colossus into a giant on the march, in 10 short years," Jackson said.

The report, among other things, said:

- "Survival of the fittest is the rule in Communist politics; only the boldest and most ruthless reach the top. This fact tends to make for aggressive policies."

- Red Chinese policy-makers are strongly conditioned by the Leninist doctrine "that imperialism is a phenomenon peculiar to a certain stage of capitalism. This forces Chinese policymakers into a posture of antagonism to the West and gives them a sturdy philosophical link with the general Asian resentment of Western colonialism."

- Mao Tse-tung, despite his "special position of authority in policy-making," does not hold a government post. This is because he "considers that his responsibility for policy-making requires time for reflective thinking and freedom from administrative details."

- The Communist regime does not consider public approval "an all-important criterion for deciding whether policies are workable."

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Attached is the Jackson Subcommittee's Committee Print of National Policy Machinery in Communist China. This unclassified report was refined by OCI from the original classified paper. It is reprinted here without attribution as arranged with the Subcommittee staff. Also attached is an article from the Washington Post on this study.

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